

Niho taniwha- The chevron skink

Do the features below help or hinder the chevron skinks' survival chances?
Jot down why!



The features	A help or a hindrance?
The chevron skink is New Zealand's longest lizard. It's up to 30 cm from the nose to the tip of its tail.	
The chevron skink looks exactly like the ferns and leaf debris around its home	
This skink is very secretive. Less than 300 have ever been found!	
These skinks can make noises and will often grunt or squeak on being disturbed. That's unusual for a lizard.	
Female chevron skinks give birth to live young in mid to late summer. They can have up to 8 baby skinks at once but we don't know if chevron skinks breed every year.	
Most chevron skinks have been seen close to streams or other damp places. They get dehydrated easily so their damp, homes are good places to live.	
These skinks are good climbers especially when a flash flood hits their habitat. They can hold their breath too!	
They are only found on Little or Great Barrier Island.	